

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **NOVEMBER 17, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

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Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump (Absent)
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier
Jim Porter (Designee) (Absent)
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Daniel Serpico
Harold Anderson
Winchell M. Craig
Katharine Miller
Robert Tyler (Absent)

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney

Engineering Technician
Police Department

Guests

Mike Lovely
Bill Pagham
Rob Kirkpatrick
Deena McNeil
Casey Bergh
Jim Gattey
Sami Fournier

Citizen, SWBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, BTCA
Citizen, MVNA
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Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, RWNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for approval of the October minutes, Harold Anderson and Jock Craig had additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to approve the corrected October Minutes was made and seconded. It passed unanimously to accept the October minutes as corrected.

3) Public Comments:

Mike Lovely, Citizen - SEBNA

Mr. Lovely thanked the Police Department for the increased police presence on Brookwood.

Sami Fournier, RWNA

Ms. Fournier reported that the Share-the-Road education piece developed by the Road User Safety Taskforce, which started as a Sub-Committee of TSAC, was recognized at the Oregon Transportation Safety Conference.

4) Agenda Review

New agenda items from the membership. It was noted that Mr. Anderson's suggestions from last meeting were added to the agenda for this month.

5) Possible Safety Projects for 2010

Mr. Arnis explained that safety projects for next year are finishing the design stage this fall. Greenwood at 12th Street pedestrian crossing has passed ODOT design review and is now at the funding stage.

Colorado Improvements were eighth on the list this year, it was combined with the overlay project using Federal Stimulus Funds, complications for the project include storm grates that will need to be lifted or moved and pedestrian and bike improvements at Simpson. The Columbia and Simpson intersection needs to be tightened up as well.

At the Simpson and Mt. Washington intersection the City is working with the Brokentop Home Owners Association to co-develop plans for a roundabout there using the roundabout guidelines as a test case. Bill Padgham asked if an interim fix can take place. Mr. Arnis reported that the interim solution has been installed with additional stripping, rumble strips and vegetation removal for better visibility and awareness.

Harold Anderson asked how projects were ranked. Mr. Arnis went on to explain the system for ranking and funding. He explained that using crash & speed data, engineering judgment, and teaming up with our police department has helped us focus on the worst areas.

Also it is important to focus on the areas that can be fixed with the available funding, Daggett Lane traffic circles and crosswalk and Tempest Crosswalk are at 60% design.

Other high priority intersections like Neff & Purcell and Powers & Brookwood are too complicated for quick fixes. Mr. Craig suggested fixing Neff & Purcell first. Mr. Arnis responded that there is a grant that can help fund that intersection as soon as it is designed.

Bids will go out in February or March for next construction season.

Katherine Miller asked if we are spending too much on beautification when a simple fix might be enough. Mr. Arnis pointed out that our focus is on safety first. For instance at Butler Market & 27th we might be able to hire a consultant to reset the signal timing to help with the delays there. He also announced that last week was the "kick off" meeting for the Murphy Road over crossing.

6) High Priority Safety Projects from Citizen Service Requests.

Mr. Arnis introduced the problem of the growing list of requests from the public for traffic calming; he has been exploring ways to team up with the Bend Police Department to focus on the high crash sites. Mr. Anderson has suggested that for some of the less critical areas that the Neighborhood Associations might be able to help to do an initial investigation and report back to TSAC. Several suggestions were made about how to get the Neighborhood Associations involved in helping with the backlog of Citizen Service Requests and some members of the group wondered if the Neighborhood Associations would have enough background to know how to proceed. Others worried that not all neighborhoods were active in their Association and those areas would suffer. After much discussion it was decided that group would be formed to explore ways for the neighborhoods to get involved and create some guidelines for that involvement. The Sub Committee will consist of Harold Anderson, Bill Padgham, Deena McNeil, Jim Gattey and Sami Fournier and be supported by engineering staff, Cindy Hartman and Robin Lewis.

Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting

Outcome of Sub-Committee discussion

Dan Serpico of ODOT has State Highway crash report.

Adjourn 9:10 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers